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AIR QUALITY ADVISORY/PRESS RELEASE

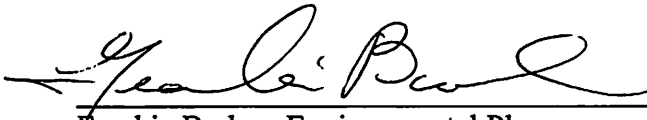
The Matanuska-Susitna Borough is issuing an air quality advisory for the Butte and surrounding areas, valid from 5:00pm, Thursday, March 2, 2017, until 9:00am, Monday, March 6. With the high pressure system and decreased wind activity, there is potential for lingering smoke in Butte and surrounding areas which makes air quality unhealthy.

People with respiratory conditions or heart disease, the elderly and children should avoid prolonged exertion; everyone else should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.

We are suggesting that residents voluntarily switch to the use of alternative heat sources or burn well-seasoned wood; and stop all outdoor burning including burn barrels, bon fires, campfires, and fire pits, as well as any open slash burning, during this time.

Please call the 24-hour Air Quality Alert System phone number, 352-3878, for information on air quality in the eastern Matanuska Valley. This advisory will expire 9:00am Monday, March 6, 2017, or be updated if conditions change.

If you have any questions, please call the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Division at 861-7833.



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